

Appl. No. 08/851,040
Amdt. dated July 16, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 12, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-26 and 28-36 have been examined. No claims have been amended and claims 21-26 and 28-36 have been canceled, without prejudice, for filing in a continuation application. Examination of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 21-26 and 28-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection sis respectfully traversed as such claims clearly contain patentable subject matter as illustrated in the BPAI Decision filed August 28, 2003. However, in order to expedite prosecution claims 21-26 and 28-36 have been canceled, without prejudice, for filing in a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-20 have been allowed. Accordingly, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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